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SUBJ: SEATO: FIFTH SEMINAR ON VILLAGE DEFENSE AND DEVELOPMENT (SVDD)

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1. MEBASSY IS PLEASED TO HAVE TANHAM'S NAME ADDED TO THE LIST OF ALTERNATES TO DR. OSANKA, PROVIDED HE WOULD DEFINITELY COMMIT HIMSELF TO ATTEND ENTIRE SEMINAR. (WE DID NOT INCLUDE TANHAM ORIGINALLY BECAUSE HE HAD CANCELLED ATTENDANCE AT THE LAST MOMENT AT ONE SVDD AND ON ANOTHER OCCASION REPORTEDLY FAILED TO STAY FOR THE DURATION OF THE SEMINAR.)

2. WITH REGARD TO MAJOR GENERAL LANSDALE (RETIRED), WE REALIZE THAT BECAUSE OF HIS HEAVY WRITING AND LECTURING SCHEDULE, HE MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO ACCEPT. IF OSANKA CANNOT ATTEND, HOWEVER, WE WOULD LOKE TO HAVE CONSIDERATION GIVEN ALSO TO LANSDALE WHO, HAS REGISTERED CLEAR SUCCSESSES IN WORKING WITH ASIANS AGAINST COMMUNIST INSURGENCY.

3. RE PARA 2 REFTEL, EMBASSY HAS DISCUSSED SEATO'S OUTDATED PER DIEM RATE WITH BOTH SECGEN AND DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION. SECGEN

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PROMISED TO TABLE PAPER NEXT WEEK REQUESTING THAT PER DIEM BE

RAISED TO AROUND US \$30 TO APPROXIMATE PRESENT USG PER DIEM OF
US \$34 FOR BANGKOK. IN VIEW FACT SEATO PER DIEM RATES WERE LAST
REVISED TWO YEARS AGO, EMBASSY FEELS CERTAIN OTHER MEMBERS WILL
SUPPPORT INCREASED PER DIEM TO COMPENSATE FOR LOCAL INFLATION.
THIS FACTOR SHOULD NOT DELAY DEPARTMENT CONTACTING OSANKA AND,
IF NECESSARY, ALTERNATES.

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